

REMARKS**I. Introduction**

The Examiner has rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Japanese reference, JP 11-54680 to Nakazato et al. (hereinafter *Nakazato*). While Applicant does not wholly agree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled claims 13-16 in order to facilitate allowance of the claimed invention. As such, Applicants assert that the Examiner's rejections of claims 13-16 is now moot.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 12 are allowed. The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of these claims.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 200209688-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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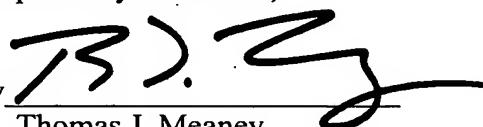
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